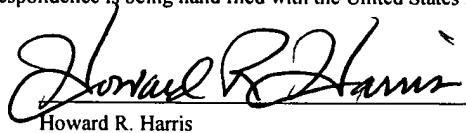


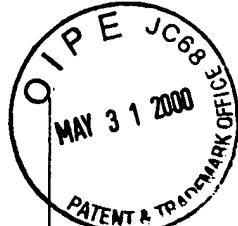
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 3, 1999 for which a response was due on March 3, 2000. This response date has been extended to June 3, 2000. The petition for a three-month extension and a check for the requisite fee are enclosed. Kindly enter the following Amendment and Remarks.

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